

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. Claims 1-26 are pending in the application.
2. In view of the Examiner's amendment below, claims 1-15, 18, and 20-26 are allowed.
3. The restriction requirement among the species of Group I of the restriction requirement of May 12, 2008 is withdrawn.
4. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Gregory York on July 14, 2010 .

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 16, 17, and 19 are cancelled from the application.

These claims are drawn to non-elected inventions which do not include the same limitations as the allowed methods and compositions.

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicant's arguments with respect the teachings in the art regarding the combination of iscoms and live microorganisms and the effect of the combination upon administration in vivo are found persuasive. The teachings appear to indicate that those of ordinary skill in the art would have been lead away from the combination for the reasons indicated by the Applicant in (e.g.) pages 12-15 of the arguments presented with the response.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Zachariah Lucas whose telephone number is (571)272-0905. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:30 am to 5 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey J. Stucker can be reached on 571-272-0911. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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